*Bible & Daily Living*

# Darkness before light

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
DARKNESS BEFORE EASTER
DAWN
Lesson for April 22, 1984
Bible Study Passages: Mark 15:31-39; 16:1-7

INTRODUCTION

The celebration of Easter normally outshines Good Friday in many churches. Holy Week is common parlance in certain denominations while in others the phrase has little or no meaning. Actually, Holy Week is that period of seven days of Christ's earthly life prior to his resurrection.

The final seven days of Jesus' earthly life were filled with suffering. There is a tendency to overlook the suffering aspect of our Lord's life, concentrating mainly upon his victory over the tomb.

Perhaps the trouble lies in our inability to find anything good about Good Friday. What's so good about Good Friday? How can there possibly be any good in another man's suffering? We must remember that Christ's suffering brought about redemption for the good of all those who would believe.

Perhaps we place minimal importance upon Good Friday and our Lord's pain-filled passion because we are uncomfortable with suffering. We don't like to talk about it or observe it in others. And we certainly abhor the idea of our own personal suffering. This week's lesson will help us focus upon the place of Christ's suffering in our redemption.

DARKNESS AT GOLGATHA [Mark 15:31-39]

The place of Jesus' death is called Golgatha. The very name creates a sense of fear and horror within us. Golgotha literally means "the place of the skull." What took place at this "skull" reveals the depths humanity can go. It also reveals the power of evil against the powers of good and man's inhumanity to the God-man.

On the cross Jesus experiences humiliation, pain, mockery. He endured a great deal of suffering in order to pave the way for our salvation. He did not "rise" for our sins as he did die for our sins. He endured the worst that we might inherit the best.

Upon the cross Jesus felt every emotion common to man. He felt the pain of rejection, isolation, and loneliness. He knew the pain of flesh as he hung upon the splintered gallows. He experienced abandonment at its worst. When the moment of death came a nearby centurion remarked, "Truly, this man was the son of God."

EASTER DAWN [Mark 16:1-7]

Following his death Jesus was laid in a borrowed tomb. The custom of annointing the body was an expression of love on the part of Mary Magdalene and those who came with her. As they went they thought about the huge rock that sealed the tomb. But they went in faith that someone would be there to help. To their surprise they found the huge stone rolled away.

What was even more surprising was the news that Jesus was not in the tomb. An angel invited them to enter the tomb to see for themselves. After all, seeing is believing!

Resurrection is so foreign to our way of thinking. That a person could come to life after death is not only unbelievable, but also incredible. But we approach the resurrection through a heart of faith, not through scientific proof.

Class members may wish to ponder the following questions:

1. What is the difference between resurrection and resuscitation?

2. Why do you think we avoid any emphasis upon the suffering aspect of our Lord's closing hours?

3. Describe your feelings about death and dying.

4. Have class members role play the differing characters present at the crucifixion. Have each character tell why he or she was present and what their feeling were.

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## New Hope schedules services

"Because we care, the congregation at New Hope Baptist Church joins me in inviting you to our Easter Services on Sunday, April 22," said the Rev. Bob Williams, pastor.

Services will begin with Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. consisting of special music, a skit by the youth, an Easter message by the pastor and the observance of the Lord's Supper. Refreshments will be served following the Sunrise Service.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. Morning worship will follow at 11 a.m. with a baptismal service and the presentation of the Easter Cantata, The Crimson Bridge, by the adult choir under the direction of Barry Elder, music director for the church.

Members of New Hope Baptist Church and the public are invited to attend.

New Hope Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist Church located five miles east of Appomattox on highway 24.

"We are a church that cares," said the Rev. Williams, "and we invite you to worship with us."


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# WORSHIP

## Galilee news notes

Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, Revelation 1:7

Services at Galilee this past Sunday were spiritually uplifting. Pastor Davis continued to preach on the subject of the Abundant Life. The YSD singers supplied the music. We were happy to have visitors present with us.

Mrs. Dorothy Stevens was named adult of the month and Miss Flo Fleshman was designated youth of the month. These members received certificates denoting their unselfish service to the church and community. We congratulate them.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., the Senior Choir of Galilee celebrated its anniversary. Special guests were The Promise Land and First Baptist Church Senior Choirs, and the Men's Chorus from Mt. Zion of Red House.

Renovation has finally began at Galilee. We ask your support during our Holy Week services.

The Ladies of Galilee will celebrate their annual day on the first Sunday in May.

Let us continue in prayer for the sick and shut-in of our community and world. It is our christian duty to comfort those less fortunate than we.

For remembrance....The harder you work at what you should be, the less you'll try to hide what you really are!

Have a beautiful week and love to all from Galilee.

## Mt. Pleasant news

By ODELL CHAMBERS

Full-time services began at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church the first of April. Attendance has been excellent since. This week, Pastor Napier delivered a sermon titled "The Say-So Christians." The Junior Choir provided wonderful music.

The Junior Choir celebrated their seventh anniversary at 4 p.m. Sunday, and the Sunshine Choir celebrated their fourth anniversary at the same time. Present at the celebration were choirs from Canaan, Zion Baptist, Alabama, Peaceful Grove and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Churches.

The Adams family of Lynchburg will put on a concert at Mt. Pleasant the first Saturday in May at 7 p.m., to benefit the Sunday School program. The following Sunday at 4 p.m. the Sunshine Choir will sponsor a program, "Rainbow of Colors."

The Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will furnish music. The Young Adult Choir will appear at the morning worship service. Breadfast will be served.

The Senior Choir will rehearse this Wednesday night at 6 p.m. Bible study will be at 7 p.m.

We are praying for the sick and shut-in everywhere.

## Promise Land news

A very impressive service was held at Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday, April 8. The Spiritual Voices from St. Paul's College rendered music in concert. Thanks to all who helped make the program successful.

The Holy Week services will proceed according to the following schedule: Monday - First Baptist; Tuesday - Galilee; Wednesday - Promise Land; Thursday - First Baptist; Friday - Promise Land.

Due to construction work at Galilee all services planned there will actually be held at First Baptist. Holy Week services begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Sunrise Service will be held at Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday, April 22 at 6 a.m.

The Echoes of Glory will render music in concert at Promise Land at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Jasper Thornton and Mr. James Fleshman have returned home from the hospital; Mrs. Margaret Forrest is in the hospital.

Let us remember the sick and the shut-in everywhere.

## Zion Baptist news notes

By SUSIE HUNTER

The Ladies' Aid group met Sunday at Zion Baptist Church. The group will not meet in May.

The Senior Usher's Board will meet Sunday at 11 a.m.

Prayer and Bible study scheduled for this Thursday night has been canceled. Pastor Lewis, assisted by Pastor Flood, led the worship service at Zion Baptist Sunday. Music was provided by the Young Adult Choir, the Sunshine Choir, and Mrs. Bernard Wesley's group.

Mrs. Ollie Marshall is in the Southside Community Hospital. Mrs. Beatrice Jennings is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Dorothy Croner has joined Zion Baptist, and will be baptized.

We are praying for the sick and the shut-in everywhere.

## Mt. Shiloh news notes

The Young Adult Choir's anniversary was attended by a nice and enjoyable crowd at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church. The members of the choir would like to thank everyone who participated.

The Young Adults will have a business meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. All members please plan to attend.

Everyone is cordially invited to worship with us during our regular morning worship service, Sunday, April 22 at 11 a.m.

Regular prayer service will be Friday evening, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Andrew Kelso who recently graduated from Virginia Tech. Andrew received a degree in Marketing and Distributive Education.

Mt. Shiloh Usher Board will meet Saturday at 2 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Please remember the sick and shut-in in your prayers.

Have a good week!


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The Rev. Donnie Glass and family

## Glass is new pastor in county

The Rev. Donnie Glass has been named new pastor at Appomattox Baptist Temple in Appomattox County.

The Rev. Glass is married to the former Connie Clay. They are both from Brookneal. They have two children, Steven, age 4, and Rebecca, age 18 months.

Preacher Glass and his family are now living in Greenville, S.C., where he will be attending Tabernacle Baptist Bible College until May 16, after which he will move to Appomattox to begin his duties as pastor of Appomattox Baptist Temple.

## Celebration planned

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will have an Easter celebration. The church is planning something special in its Sunday school classes, which will begin at 10 a.m.

Anyone who ever attended Sunday School at the church is asked to attend this special service this Sunday. The celebration is part of a national effort to promote weekly Bible study through the largest organization in the local church.

## Chorale to perform

Once again the liturgical season in Appomattox will be enhanced by a special performance by the Appomattox County High School Chorale under the direction of Mr. Steve Lawrence.

On Sunday, April 22, at 7 p.m. the group will present an Easter concert at Liberty Baptist Church. Selections will include music recently performed at the Washington Cathedral as well as the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah.

Anyone familiar with such outstanding presentations as the Renaissance Christmas Dinner, the Broadway Revue, or any of the group's touring performances will need no urging to be on hand on the 22nd.

This evening's program promises to be a delightful blend of talented young people and gracious hospitality accepted by our community.

## Jordan church news notes

The regular church business meeting at Jordan Church will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Senior Choir of the Jordan Baptist Church will be singing at Cannan Baptist Church Thursday night at 8 p.m. for the pre-Easter services.

Regular preaching services will be held Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Men of the Song Gospel Singers will be singing at the Jordan Baptist Church on April 28 at 7 p.m. This program is men and women in color, sponsored by the senior choir.

## *Evergreen UMC slates cantata*

The Evergreen United Methodist Church Adult Choir will present the cantata "Easter Song" by John W. Peterson on Sunday, April 22 at 9:45 a.m. at the church. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Anniversary scheduled

American Methodism celebrates its 200th anniversary in 1984. On Sunday night, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox, there will be a special service to commemorate the beginning of American Methodism.

Dr. Lovett Weems of Wesley Theological Seminary will be the speaker, and the Farmville United Methodist Church Choir will sing.

The public is invited to attend.

## Revival set this week at Salem UMC

A revival will be held at Salem United Methodist Church April 26-29, at 7:30 p.m. each night.

William Moon will be guest speaker April 26, and the Tyreeanna United Methodist Church Choir will provide music.

G. Keith Almond will be guest speaker April 27.

Leonard Mullens will be guest speaker April 28, and the Mullens Family will provide music.

Samuel E. McGhee will be guest speaker April 29, and the Three In One Group will provide music.

Salem United Methodist Church is located in Spout Spring.

## MS workshop set May 19

A Multiple Sclerosis Workshop, May 19 at Brookville Middle School, will provide an opportunity for the candid exchange of information, ideas and concerns about MS with expert guidance.

Offered by the Lynchburg Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, "Living, Learning and MS" will be conducted by local professionals. Participants will be grouped according to their respective relationship with MS, in order to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to open communication.

Lunch will be provided, and facilities are wheelchair accessible.

For details and registration call (804) 237-6128. Registration deadline is April 30.


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# Treatment advice noted

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

For many crops the recommended pH soils is being dropped from 6.5 to 6.2. This change is based on research done in Virginia for a number of years. This is significant because using less lime can decrease farm expenses, but you will likely need to come back more frequently with smaller amounts of lime.

Soil test recommendations will indicate the change.

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Data from the 1983-84 Control Bull tests and sales has been completed. The Culpeper Senior Test sold 61 bulls for an average of $1064, Culpeper Junior 56 bulls, $1115, Red House Senior 32 bulls, $1155, Red House Junior 40 bulls $1266, Red House heifer 50 head, $675, Wytheville Senior 21 bulls $1590, Wytheville Junior 56 bulls $1274. There were 336 bulls sold for an average of $1317.

One bull was purchased in Appomattox County, Campbell County purchased 20 head, Charlotte County 7 head, Prince Edward County 2 head, Buckingham County 4 head, Nelson County 1 head and Amherst County 1 head.

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Termites are beginning to swarm, but so are flying ants. If you find these winged insects around windows, doors or concrete slab, check to determine whether they are ants or termites.

If you aren't sure which they are, bring a sample by and we'll help you determine whether you have a problem or not.

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Ticks are also out. We've had several calls about how to control. Dursban, Diazinon and sevin can be used. Certain species of ticks can carry Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. This is the big concern.

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Alfalfa weevils are feeding, but it's too early to spray. Information on when to spray has been sent to those we know have alfalfa on their farms.

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The old VAMA record program has been reorganized as Mountain States Management Services. They are located in Lynchburg.

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Calhoun Moore called to say he had encountered problems burning treated lumber scraps in his stove.

Never use treated lumber scraps for fuel. Chromate copper arsenate is a popular preservative. It gives off poisonous fumes when burned, possibly causing cramps, headaches, earaches, diarrhea, rashes and other symptoms.

Farm work has started. Make sure that the gearshift lever on the tractor to be jump started has been put in neutral or park before attempting to start.

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Soybean yields are affected by row spacing and within row plant density. Increasing plants densities through closer row spacing reduces the proportion of seed that is produced on the bottom parts of a plant. Most of the seed produced in dense narrow row soybean canopies are in the uppermost part of the plant canopy. This has an added advantage in that the seeds are being produced at the closest possible point to the photosynthate source. Likewise, the largest soybean produced on determinate type plants are in the upper canopy.

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The manufacturer of Raigro implants tells us that the implant needs to be put further back in ear, in the fat portion near the juncture with the head. Work at Kansas State shows slower absorption and more efficient use of the material.

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The amount of milk consumed by beef calves has been shown to be an important determinant of growth.

Research in Tennessee over a five-year period using 197 lactations to study the relationship between pattern of milk intake and weaning weights of calves grazing tall fescue, plus legume and straight fescue pastures, offers these conclusions:

1. Calves gained 48.5 pounds more on fescue/clover than on fescue except in drought years when the fescue/clover was poor.

2. Level of milk production had a greater effect on weaning weight of calves on fescue than of calves on fescue/clover.

3. Milk production ability is even more critical in cows grazing primarily fescue.

4. Milk production was more persistant in cows grazing fescue/clover.

5. High peak milk production early resulted in rapid early growth, which enabled larger calves to consume more forage later in season.

## *Wildlife tour slated*

Spring wildflowers and forestry will be the principal topics covered on Westvaco Corporation's Wildflower/Woodlands Tours for area Garden Clubs and other interested persons.

This year, four tours will be held on Wednesday, May 2 and Friday, May 4 in Campbell County near Evington. Two day-long tours will be held on Tuesday, May 1 and Friday, May 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 5 there will be two, half-day tours, one in the morning from 9:30 a.m. - noon and another in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Westvaco foresters with special knowledge of wildflower identification will guide the walking tours through several different ecological habitats. This will allow tour participants to see a variety of wildflowers, ferns and other vegetation. The participants will also see modern, scientific forest management practices on this working forest. The relationship of modern forestry activites to wildlife habitat, watershed protection recreation and the timber products supply will be discussed.

The will be the seventh year for the Wildflower/Woodlands tours hosted by Westvaco. Last year tour participants located and identified over fifty wildflower species in bloom. More than seventy Garden Clubs from the Central Virginia area have been invited. Registration for participating in the tours is required by April 21st.

For information on registration for the tours, write to Westvaco Wildflowers, P.O. Box WV, Appomattox, Virginia 24522.


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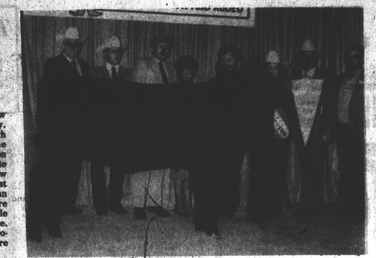

DEWEY FANNON (far right) of Madisonville represented Kyanite Farms, one of the owners of TC Peggy Lee 2001, the reserve junior Angus heifer calf champion, at the 1983 Trenton Stock Show. Other owners of the calf include Sterner and Udem, Franklin, Neb.; and Northcote Angus, Forest, Va. (Photo by American Angus Association)

*ASCS Today*

# Sign-up scheduled

By TOM CONRAD
USDA ANNOUNCES NEW SIGN-UP PERIOD FOR 1984 WHEAT PROGRAM - Wheat farmers will be permitted to enter the revised 1984 wheat program during an April 16 - May 4 signup period.

President Reagan signed the new program provisions into law April 10.

Wheat farmers who have not already signed up are encouraged to take advantage of the revisions in this 1984 program. A strong additional signup once again will prove that wheat farmers are willing to play a major role in solving many of their immediate problems.

Farmers with wheat bases who previously had not signed up for the 1984 wheat program are eligible to participate in the revised program.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture had held a earlier signup from Jan. 16 through March 16 during which time nearly 240,000 farms -- representing over 50 percent of the total U.S. wheat base acreage -- signed up.

Farmers who previously signed up for the 1984 program need take no action unless they wish to change their level of participation in the revised program.

Producers who earlier signed up may change their participation in the wheat program and the payment-in-kind program by notifying their local county office of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The basic legislated program changes are:

--The target price has been lowered from $4.45 to $4.38 per bushel.

--Although the reduced acreage requirement remains at a minimum of 30 percent, 20 percent of the requirement must be under an acreage reduction program and the remaining 10 percent will be paid land diversion with a paid diversion rate of $2.70 per bushel.

--Advance diversion payments will be available.

--PIK payments are increased from 75 percent to 85 percent of the established yield times the acres diverted.

--State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committees may authorize haying and grazing on acreage conservation reserve acreages devoted to wheat prior to Jan. 12, 1984. It has been authorized for Virginia and the same rules will apply for the 1984 wheat haying and grazing program as were in effect for the 1983 wheat haying and grazing program.

Producers who earlier signed up for the 1984 feed grain program.

The revised 1984 wheat program signup will be conducted at Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county offices.

Winter wheat producers who are covered by federal crop insurance will not have to pay premiums on diverted acreage and may benefit from higher yield guarantees.

FCIC will accept revised acreage reports from those winter wheat farmers who have already filed their acreage reports, even though, technically, they are liable for the premium on all acreage already reported.

To be eligible for the increased yield guarantees and reduced premium liability, a producer must file a revised acreage report with USDA's Federal Crop Insurance corporation by May 8. The revised report must designate acreage to be destroyed in order to comply with the new program. The producer must give FCIC a notice of intention to destroy such acreage and must have received written consent from the agency.

If a producer fails to take advantage of the opportunity to revise his acreage report FCIC will not give consent for insured acreage to be destroyed and the producer must care for the acreage until harvest to receive an indemnity.

## Happiness is 4-H

# *15 compete in contest*

Fifteen Appomattox Senior 4-H members participated in the East Central District 4-H Contest last Saturday at Appomattox County High School. Members taking part in the contest included Alice Jackson, Tiffany Royal, Jennifer Coleman, Lisa Williamson, Anne Hancock, Kathy Beasley, Karen Trent, Brett Marston, Howard Anderson, JoAnna Layne, Ada Hunter, Ernest Humbles, Jeff Williams, Cheryl Wooten and Kathy Bryan.

4-H'ers in the Senior Division winning first and second have the right to attend State 4-H Congress during the week of June 18-22 on the Virginia Tech Campus.

Appomattox top winners included: Kathy Bryan in Plant and Soil Science; Cheryl Wooten in Fashion Revue; Jeff Williams in Archery Skills; Ernest Humbles in Chick-N-Que; JoAnna Layne and Howard Anderson in Egg Grading; Brett Marston in Livestock; Kathy Beasley in Clothing; Jennifer Coleman and Lisa Williamson in Share-the-Fun; Tiffany Royal in Public Speaking; and Annette Turner in Milk & Milk Products.

Three country cured hams will be given away on Thrusday of this week as a fund-raising effort for the 4-H Interstate Exchange Program. 20 4-H'ers and their chaperones will travel to Bailey County, Texas in late July as we complete the last half of an exchange program which began last summer when Texas 4-H'ers visited Appomattox.

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4-H Camp applications have begun to come in to the Extension Office. Appomattox 4-H'ers have until June 15 to sign up for this year's camp which will be held the week of July 9-13. Applications have been given to each 4-H club. Extra forms are available from the Extension Office.

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The 4-H Achievers Club provided the luncheon at the 4-H District Contest on Saturday as their fund raising project. Members assisting included: Sheri Williams, Rick Pack, Terri Hamlett, Brent Harrison, Rhonda Ranson, Karen Gilliam, Kathy White, Beth Carter, Danny Williams, Vince Pannell, Wilson Randolph, Chip Herneall, Robert Coleman, Susan LeGrand, Jennifer White and Berri Anderson.


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